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1. FDJ groups in West Berlin are currently pursuing a vigorous purge of inactive or untrustworthy members. In one of the FDJ groups in Berlin-Neukölln, for example, 22 members, more than half of the group's strength, were recently expelled from the group. This fundamental purge of the West Berlin groups is intended to result in a smaller organization capable of stronger direct action and more mobility in carrying out sudden commands.
  2. Kampfgemeinschaften (action associations) are being formed in each basic West Berlin FDJ group. These units are composed of several of the most dependable functionaries in the group. Each West Berlin Kampfgemeinschaft chooses an East Berlin FDJ unit with which it is to work in close cooperation. The East Berlin group is supposed to assist and support the West Berlin unit in every way possible. Plans for carrying out action are to be made jointly. The principal duties of the Kampfgemeinschaften are protection of the total group during demonstrations, the collection of exact information concerning the location, armed strength, and mobility of the police and opposing forces in the group's West Berlin district, and open provocation such as the appearance of blue-shirt groups in West Berlin and the organization of Schlaegertrupps (strong-arm units).
  3. An FDJ group is reported to have been told by its leader that the period of necessary restraint was over and that the battle motto "Always the hammer, never the anvil" must finally be translated into reality; that the time has come when the West Berlin FDJ must show the "Stupos" that they have hard fists, and that with these methods they can count on all Berlin being theirs in the near future."

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